

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application Claims 1-7, of which Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. No claims have been added or cancelled.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

Applicants submit herewith a new and more descriptive title. Favorable consideration and acceptance of the new title is respectfully sought.

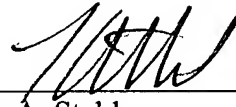
Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. More specifically, Claim 1 was objected to on grounds that it referred to but did not recite a controller for a temperature detector. In response, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to positively recite a temperature detecting element for detecting a temperature of the heater and also to positively recite control means for controlling an electrical power supply to the heater so that the temperature detected by the temperature detecting element is maintained at a set temperature. Given those amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under § 112, second paragraph, has been addressed and overcome.

Each of Claims 1-7 were identified as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Given the above amendments, as well as the fact that none of Claims 1-7 have been broadened, it is respectfully submitted that each of Claims 1-7 is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding matters in this application have been addressed and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

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